

E-HAPPENINGS

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

August 2012

NEWS AND EVENTS

Child Care Center Benefits From Community

Western Nevada College's Child Development Center will be able to improve services to students and local children, thanks to two community organizations. Children's Cabinet and Nevada Early Intervention Services have each contributed funds to assist the center, which serves children whose parents attend WNC, as well as community children and those with special needs. The center received a \$550 grant from the Children's Cabinet and a \$400 allocation from Nevada Early Intervention Services.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-07-27b.php>



Second Solar Array To Brighten College

WNC's efforts to become carbon neutral are taking another step forward with construction of a second solar energy array on the Carson City campus. Black Rock Solar of Reno is constructing the 100-kilowatt array, which is located on the north end of campus. Energy created by the 840 panels should save \$14,000 per year. It will produce energy equivalent to that used in 20 homes, and prevent 135 tons of carbon from being released into Earth's atmosphere.

WNC Peace Officer Academy to Honor 18 Cadets

The Western Nevada State Peace Officer Academy is set to honor 18 students who have completed their studies and are ready to protect and serve Western Nevada communities. A recognition ceremony for the class of 2012 is Thursday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m., in Carson Nugget Community Hall at WNC Carson City. Lyon County Undersheriff Joe Sanford will serve as the keynote speaker at this year's event. WNC's 30-week law enforcement program begins each January and meets all Nevada and POST certification requirements. <http://www.wnc.edu/academics/post/>

"Be Green, Be Responsible"

FREE E-Waste Recycling Event Planned for WNC



College faculty, staff and students will soon have the chance to participate in a free E-Waste recycling event at the Carson City campus. It will tentatively be Monday-Wednesday, Sept. 18-20, behind the Andy Butti Welding Technology Center. Drop off items **ONLY** at scheduled times: Tuesday, Sept. 18, 8-10 a.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 19, 4-6 p.m.; and Thursday, Sept. 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The final schedule will be forthcoming.

Acceptable items include computer monitors with computers, CD players, clocks, cell phones, DVD players, keyboards, microphones, laptop CPUs, gaming consoles, microwave ovens, stereos, telephones and radios. Items **NOT** allowed are monitors without computer, broken tubes and screens, cathode ray tubes, and TVs. WNC's "Be Green, Be Responsible" recycling days are sponsored by the college's Sustainability Committee.

College Emergency Notification System Being Improved

The college is planning to add another form of emergency mass notification for students, faculty and staff. CodeRed, a high-speed voice, text, and e-mail messaging system, will soon be utilized for campus emergencies and for some exercises and drills. CodeRed is being made available to WNC with the assistance and cooperation of Carson City.

"Having a second mass notification system is essential to support the intent of the federal Cleary Act, which addresses emergency response for colleges," said Jack Piirainen, WNC director of Public Safety.

CodeRed has a unique feature so if a caller misses the CodeRed call or wants to hear the call again, he/she can redial the number that was received and hear the latest CodeRed message. The college can also publish the CodeRed phone numbers to callers so they can program them into their phones to identify any CodeRed call. The voice message will typically have more information than the text message.

WILDCATS ATHLETICS

Softball Team Welcomes High School Standout

The Wildcats softball team welcomes Layton, Utah high school pitcher Carlee Beck for the 2013 season. Carlee was a three-year starter for the Layton Lancers. She capped off her high school career with a deep run in the state playoffs and was a key player for the Lancers as the varsity pitcher over three seasons. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-07-25a.php>



Western Oregon University is Next Stop for WNC's Melanie Pfeiffer



Former Wildcats softball player Melanie Pfeiffer won't let a serious illness stop her from attaining her dreams. After graduating this spring from Western Nevada College with an Associate of Arts degree, she will to continue her education and softball career at Western Oregon University, an NCAA Division II school in Monmouth, Ore. Pfeiffer, a Reno resident, has undergone two surgeries since being diagnosed with melanoma skin cancer in the spring. But with her unflinching drive and positive attitude, she expects to be ready to resume softball-related activities in the fall.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-07-27a.php>

IN THE ARTS

"Hello Dolly!" Returns – Open Auditions on August 7 & 9

The Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company invites auditions for the timeless and irresistible classic, *'Hello, Dolly'*, at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, in room 207 of the Aspen Building at the WNC Carson City campus. The production will play weekends at the Carson City Community Center, November 3-18. Matchmaker extraordinaire Dolly Levi decides to fast talk her way into a match of her own in an ebullient and irresistible story of the joy of living. <http://www.wnc.edu/arts/wnmtc/>

'Soul Music' Art Exhibit Continues at WNC Carson Galleries



WNC Art Professor Sharon Tetly's creative and vibrant exhibit, "Soul Music," continues at the Carson City campus through the summer. The series of large, abstract print assemblages are several feet tall and hang as if suspended in the air along the walls of the College Gallery and Atrium Gallery. The leafy, angular shapes change with every angle of view, and seem as if they are interlocking parts of a puzzle, or perhaps dancers in the sky.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-07-06b.php>

COLLEGE CORNER



The JAC bus stop at WNC Carson City, left, was moved from outside the Cedar Building to the front of the Bristlecone Building, affording a more accessible and convenient location in the center of campus. At right, workers begin construction for a new campus sign at WNC Douglas. The new sign will be more visible to traffic and after dark. 'Bently Hall' letters were also placed on the building.

WNC Pride – Numerous Summer Projects Enhance College

WNC has seen many improvements in landscaping and facilities this summer as grounds and maintenance crews worked hard to make our campuses more attractive and accessible for students, faculty, staff and visitors. Among the projects on the Carson City campus were moving the JAC bus stop to a more central location on campus, replacing crumbling concrete steps just north of the Cedar Building, completion of the wheelchair ramp outside the Dini Library and Student Center, outfitting the Lifted Café with more electrical wall outlets for laptop users, enhancing ADA accessibility in Rotary Plaza, and repairing/rebuilding the Dr. James Randolph Memorial fountain in the plaza. At the Fallon campus, major repairs were made to the floor in Pinon Hall, enhancements were made to several classrooms, and in coming weeks, the Fallon campus bookstore will be relocated from a modular unit to Sage Hall. At the Douglas campus, new campus signage is in the process of being installed.

WNC's Katie Leao Lives Up to 'Death Ride' Challenge

You might think that Coordinator of Student Life/Counselor Katie Leao has a pretty full life. After all, she travels throughout our service area overseeing the college's Bridge to Success program. She is also a WNC counselor who helps hundreds of students get started in college. She's also mother to two young children. But Katie is still pushing herself to excel, and most recently, she accomplished a major feat: completing the notorious Sierra 'Death Ride,' a 129-mile mountainous bicycle trek, in only 7 1/2 hours. According to fellow distance rider and WNC Environmental Health/Safety Officer Brian Crowe, "That's an extremely impressive time." Crowe said the riders climb five peaks of 7,000 to 8,000 feet elevation, and the majority of riders do not finish. Congratulations, Katie!



Make a Difference! Campus Clean-up Thursday, Aug. 9, 8-11 a.m.

A grassroots effort has sprung up to help clean the outer reaches of the Carson City Campus. Carson Campus Clean-Up Day is the outgrowth of college faculty and staff members who wondered if we could get together and spend a little time cleaning the campus. Volunteers are invited to assist in blocks of an hour or more. Those who participate will be thanked with a hamburger/hotdog barbeque at Lifted Café, beginning at 11:30 a.m., courtesy of VP of Administrative Services Dan Neverett.

Those who are working during this time need to obtain supervisor approval to ensure office coverage. But with a little effort, we can also find a bit of time to help keep our campus beautiful. Check-in and area assignments will be at the traffic circle in front of the Cedar Building. Volunteers will be supplied with bags, gloves and sunscreen. Remember to dress for success – in this case, it means sensible shoes, hats, etc. Contact Brenda Kolling to confirm your participation (we need a count for lunch) by Tuesday, August 7.

Fish Pond Gets a Makeover

WNC employees re-dedicated a fish pond on campus to the late WNC President Jim Randolph, following renovation of its water feature. The pond was originally dedicated in 1999 by WNC classified employees to Dr. Randolph, who with his wife, Caroline, tended gardens on campus and designed/landscaped the pond. Randolph stepped down as president in 1998 due to illness. L-R: Peggy Stutsman, Jason Finley and Alex Quintero place a plaque.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturdays, from 6:30 p.m. – Free Star Party/Lecture at the Jack C. Davis Observatory, on a variety of topics. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-06-07a.php>

Tuesday, Sept. 11- Welcome Back Event for students, offered by the Associated Students of Western Nevada. Includes free food in Rotary Plaza in both afternoon and evening. Fallon and Douglas events are also being planned – more to come.